

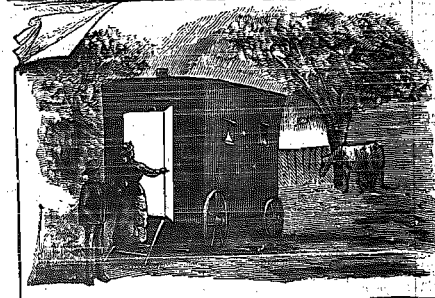
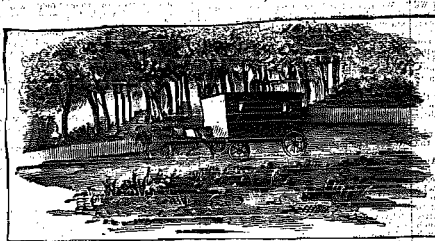
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## TANZER: A GIPSY'S STORY.

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### Part I.

Up hill and down dale; through Scotland, England, Wales many times over, in towns and villages and on dark forest borders, running the wild commons and lovely English lanes and fields from earliest childhood. From travelling van to

roadside inn. From inn to small backstreet lodgings, and again back to the brightly patterned family gipsy van jangling over the wild country roads. So roamed the subject of our sketch—her brief eventful life through.

She and her family were gipsies on the father's side. On the mother's side her sire boasted descent from an English family of some standing in the county of Leicestershire. Tanzer's gipsy grandfather had not, wood, and won the laughter of a squire who, after a clandestine engagement, had run away with him to become his wife and the mistress of his caravan, thereby forfeiting all claim to the home of her childhood and her father's house.

So Tanzer's father was a strange mixture

—a sort of gipsy gentleman. With a hankering for "high" society, he left his family for weeks together (the mother to live at her lonely fate, the children to run wild from their gipsy van on the borders of dark forest or wild common). While he hawked the country, with a squire and small articles of furniture, dressed in smart, broadcloth, made his way into sporting houses, Newmarket public, and to club gambling rooms, mixing with such of the allies and associates of society as were to be found there.

His wife saw little of him; and when on his return she reproached him for his long absence and respect of home, and the life of loneliness and deprivation to which he subjected her, he answered her with sarcasms

and blows, and the frightened child, driven from him and wished him gone again.

As Tanzer and her brothers grew up, however, their father took them in hand, and taught them the tricks of his trade, so that while travelling the country they might help him in the art of money-making by fraud and trickery. He showed them how to "talk over" their customers; how to gull the simple country people by their misrepresentations of the articles they dealt in; how to tell a lie without blinking, and how to cheat and trick for their own ends by actually committing, in the eyes of the law, a breach of honesty.

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